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The Honorable Claudia Balducci  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits a report documenting the efforts taken to continue protecting water quality in our region in response to the West Point Treatment Plant (West Point) flood event that occurred on February 9, 2017.

The report, required by Ordinance 18628, provides a first quarter 2022 update of the implementation plan for the recommendations provided by AECOM. Additionally, the six corrective actions required by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) noted in the Ordinance are considered complete as of the 2018 fourth quarter report transmitted in February 2019.

The report addresses updates made since the 2021 fourth quarter report that was submitted in February 2022. In response to the first requirement, implementation of a life safety management system (LSM), more LSM trainings were rolled out to employees in March 2022 and will continue through May 2022. Ongoing online safety trainings will be available in Q3 2022. Staff completed planning for the Operator-in-Training (OIT) 2022 recruitment and hiring process which will result in filling 20 OIT positions.

Four recommendations from Appendix B changed from “In Progress/Under Evaluation” to “Not Incorporated (Implementing Alternative).” AECOM’s recommendation required a life safety system to protect the plant during high-level conditions based on a single measurement instrument. In order to provide instrument redundancy, an alternative solution is now under development to accomplish the same goal.

This report furthers the King County Strategic Plan goal of an efficient, accountable regional and local government by providing an open and transparent update on the implementation of AECOM’s recommendations to enhance employee safety and protect the region’s investments at West Point. The report also furthers the Strategic Climate Action Plan goal of preparing for climate change by providing information on preparing West Point to handle the effects of increasingly severe storms.

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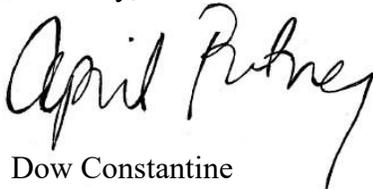
In developing the report, the Department of Natural Resources and Parks provided updates on the implementation of the recommendations in the AECOM report to the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee and the Regional Water Quality Committee.

It is estimated that the report required 10 staff hours to produce, costing approximately \$1,500. The estimated printing cost for this report is nominal.

Thank you for your consideration of this report. This report will help policymakers and the public understand how King County is improving systems at West Point and preparing to withstand or mitigate the impact of future storms.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Kamuron Gurol, Division Director of the Wastewater Treatment Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-263-5767.

Sincerely,

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King County Executive

Enclosure

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